

COMMUNIST CHINA MUST END THE
RUTHLESS PERSECUTION OF
FALUN GONG

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, through their annual rally this week, Falun Gong practitioners and sympathizers have focused international attention on the horrible suffering of so many Falun Gong practitioners in Communist China. At that rally, I stood in warm, heartfelt solidarity with them and I will continue to do so until the Chinese people are free. On the occasion of this rally denouncing 10 years of persecution against the Falun Gong, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the names of several students, professors and lawyers who have suffered for their opposition to Communist China's brutal tyranny.

Currently, twelve professors and students from the prestigious Tsinghua University are known to be detained in Communist China under deplorable conditions due to their Falun Gong beliefs:

1. Mr. Bai Rongchun
2. Ms. Zhu Tong
3. Ms. Cong Dayang
4. Ms. Liu Zhimei
5. Ms. Yao Yue
6. Mr. Meng Jun
7. Mr. Wang Xin
8. Mr. Wang Weiyu
9. Mr. Yu Chao
10. Mr. Zang Lianjun
11. Mr. Yuping
12. Mr. Bao Weizhong

I would also like to commend and thank the handful of brave human rights lawyers who have accepted the challenge of representing Falun Gong adherents, as well as other oppressed citizens, and who themselves have been subjected to harassment, disbarment, detention and even torture as a result. Madam Speaker, these attorneys have taken an enormous risk for their fellow countrymen and I commend and admire their honorable efforts:

1. Zhang Kai
2. Li Chunfu
3. Wei Liangyue
4. Tang Jitian
5. Lan Zhixue
6. Jiang Tianyong
7. Li Heping
8. Li Xiongbing
9. Li Fangping
10. Pu Zhiqiang
11. Zhang Kai
12. Jiang Tianyong
13. Li Heping
14. Li Xiongbing
15. Li Chunfu
16. Wang Yajun of Globe-Law in Beijing
17. Cheng Hai
18. Tang Jitian
19. Yang Huiwen of Anhui Law Firm in Beijing
20. Xie Yanyi
21. Li Dunyong of Gongxin Law Firm in Beijing
22. Wen Haibo
23. Liu Wei of Shunhe Law Firm in Beijing
24. Zhang Lihui of Beijing G&G (Giant and Goal) Law Firm in Beijing

25. Li Jinglin of Jiurui Law Firm in Beijing
 26. Wei Liangyue of Jiaodian Law Firm in Heilongjiang
 27. Yang Zaixin of Baijuming Law Firm in Guangxi
 28. Sun Wenbing of Xinhe Law Firm
- Most recently, sometime between July 2 and July 8, these three brave lawyers were arrested for their efforts to defend Falun Gong practitioners:

29. Ruping Liu
30. Wang
31. Wang Ping Yonghang

Madam Speaker, the ruthless, despicable persecution against Falun Gong practitioners and other oppressed minorities must end and these brave prisoners of conscience must be released immediately.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill—H.R. 3183:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill
Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eastern Illinois University
Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Illinois 61920

Description of Request: \$1,000,000 for Eastern Illinois University to replace the campus central thermal plant with a biomass-fired combined heat and power center. Of this amount \$1,000,000 will purchase equipment for the new plant.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill
Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heartland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 West Raab Road, Normal, Illinois 61761

Description of Request: \$250,000 for the Illinois Community College Sustainability Network which will strengthen Illinois community colleges' capacity to promote and provide energy education and sustainable practices across Illinois. Of this amount, \$173,040 is for energy efficiency and green job training personnel; \$77,040 is for supplies and material support.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill
Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Richland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: One College Park, Decatur, Illinois 62521

Description of Request: \$500,000 for Richland Community College to expand on the existing biofuels degree program in an effort to provide a more comprehensive bioenergy program to include biodiesel, bioethanol, and

other bioenergies in coordination with renewable energy programs. Of this amount \$500,000 is for equipment.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chair, as with many bills debated in Congress, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 3170) contained some good and some bad provisions. This spending bill funds many important functions of the federal government, including the Department of the Treasury (one of the first four original Cabinet agencies created by the new U.S. government in 1789) and various smaller agencies that are involved in the financial services industry such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Small Business Administration (SBA). In addition, H.R. 3170 funds the Executive Office of the President, the Judiciary (the Third Branch of federal government), and the District of Columbia.

As an original co-sponsor of the Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act of 2009 (H.R. 2743), I was extremely pleased that House Committee Appropriations Committee Chairman, DAVID OBEY, and the House Democratic leadership agreed, in a bipartisan fashion, to adopt and protect an amendment offered by my good friend and colleague, Representative STEVE LATOURETTE of Ohio. The LaTourette amendment essentially inserted the language contained in H.R. 2743 into H.R. 3170. The LaTourette amendment would restore the status quo ante for automobile dealerships that were callously terminated by General Motors and Chrysler during their bankruptcy proceedings in blatant disregard to the dealership's contractual rights, state franchise laws, and just plain human decency. Normally, the Rules of the House prohibit the inclusion of language that changes statutory law on spending bills. But because the situation faces automobile dealers is such an exigent circumstance, I agreed with the House leadership that the LaTourette provision should be an exception to the regular rules governing the debate on appropriations bills. I strongly support the retention of the LaTourette amendment throughout the rest of the legislative process.

However, when confronted with many other provisions in H.R. 3170, I could not vote in support of the overall bill. Unfortunately, the House Democratic leadership prevented the consideration of other amendments that could have corrected the major flaws in other parts of this legislation. H.R. 3170 continues the pattern in almost every other appropriations bill in spending well over the rate of inflation.

The rest of the nation is expected to reign in their pocketbooks during times of economic uncertainty; yet the federal government keeps on spending. Specifically, H.R. 3170 proposes to spend \$1.5 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 or 6.4 percent over the FY 2009 funding level.

One of those new spending priorities in H.R. 3170 is to restore a federal loan subsidy in the SBA's 7(a) guaranteed business lending program, costing \$80 million a year. When I was Chairman of the House Small Business Committee, I was proud of my work to finally restore stability and predictability to the 7(a) program by removing it from the uncertainties of the annual appropriations process. In the past, the 7(a) program temporarily closed and then re-opened with severe restrictions on several occasions because Congress did not pass the annual spending bill covering the SBA account by the start of the new fiscal year (October 1st). The funding from the previous fiscal year simply ran out. After the annual federal subsidy was removed in 2004, more small businesses were helped by the 7(a) program, growing from a \$9.5 billion loan program serving 72,000 small businesses a year in 2004 to a \$13.5 billion program serving nearly 93,000 small businesses a year by the time I left the chairmanship in 2007. This was accomplished by a slight adjustment in the fees charged to the users of the 7(a) program. This fee adjustment resulted in an average additional \$10 a month increase in the loan repayment. In addition, the SBA received \$375 million in the so-called "economic stimulus" package last February for a federal small business loan subsidy in order to lower fees and increase the government guarantee rate. These funds have yet to be fully expended and are expected to last well into FY 2010. There was no need to pile another \$80 million on top of the money the SBA already has received for this purpose.

In addition, H.R. 3170 reverses a decade-old policy that restricts all public funds to pay for abortions in the District of Columbia. I am amazed that in spite all the rhetoric to encourage people who are pro-choice and pro-life to work together in a spirit of cooperation to lower the number of abortions in this nation, the Democratic-controlled House reinstates a public subsidy that will only encourage more abortions to be performed in the nation's capital. H.R. 3170 also removes ban on legalizing medical marijuana in the District of Columbia. It also gradually eliminates the D.C. school voucher experiment by prohibiting new enrollees from participating in a school choice option in one of the worst public school systems in the nation.

Thus, I regretfully decided to vote against H.R. 3170, notwithstanding my strong support for the LaTourette provision to restore the rights of terminated automobile dealers, because of the overspending in the bill and the new publicly-financed incentive to encourage more abortions in the nation's capital.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information re-

garding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, And Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (109th Congress)

Requesting Member: SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, And Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Defense O&M Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: HMS Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 206 West Burke St., Martinsburg, WV 25401

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,200,000: The National Veterans Technology Consortium (NVTC) is comprised of Veterans and business leaders who have joined to create careers in information technology (IT) for Service Disabled and other Veterans. NVTC has teamed with the Army Publishing Directorate (APD) to develop a proof-of-concept program to digitize, tag, and database Army records and operational material in order to meet Army regulatory requirements and achieve APD's mission.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Village of Ottawa

Address of Requesting Entity: 136 North Oak Street, Ottawa, OH 45875

Description of Request: \$217,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for funding regarding the Village of Ottawa Flood Control and Mitigation Reconnaissance and Feasibility Studies. Funding would be used to complete the Section 205 Feasibility Study of flood risk management plans for the Blanchard River at Ottawa, Ohio. The funding would fulfill the Federal share needed to complete the Feasibility Study. In addition, the funds would be used to begin the design and implementation following the Section 205 Feasibility Study of flood risk management plans for the Blanchard River at Village of Ottawa, Ohio. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Village of Findlay

Address of Requesting Entity: 518 Dorney Plaza, Room 310, Findlay, OH 45840

Description of Request: \$248,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for funding regarding the Village of Findlay Flood Control and Mitigation Reconnaissance and Feasibility Studies. Funding would be used to complete the Section 205 Feasibility Study of flood risk management plans for the Blanchard River at Findlay, Ohio. The funding would fulfill the Federal share needed to complete the Feasibility Study. In addition, the funds would be used to begin the design and implementation following the Section 205 Feasibility Study of flood risk management plans for the Blanchard River at Findlay, Ohio. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Construction; Ohio Environmental Infrastructure OH

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Polk, Ashland County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 East Congress Street, P.O. Box 206, Polk, OH 44866

Description of Request: \$400,000 for the design, construction, and operation of a centralized collection and treatment system. The Village is under Ohio EPA Findings and Orders to address a large number of failing household septic systems in the Village. The collection will consist of a combination gravity/pressure sewer system, potentially two (2) lift stations, 50,000 gallons per day (gpd) average daily design flow (ADF) package extended aeration wastewater treatment plant suitable for direct discharge to Katotawa Creek. The existing on-lot systems will be demolished when the replacement system is available. The Village has 357 residents, with 129 homes and businesses. A recent income survey conducted by the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program confirmed that the Village's Median Household Income has dropped significantly since the last census, and is now only \$35,000. An earlier survey conducted in 2007 also showed that the Village qualifies for CDBG funding with a Low-to-Moderate-Income (LMI) percentage over 60%. USDA Rural Development has advised the Village it needs to obtain additional grants in order to be funded by their program. Design engineering is underway. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Construction; Ohio Environmental Infrastructure OH

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Risingsun, Northwestern Water and Sewer District, Wood County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 12560 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Description of Request: \$400,000 for extension of a public water main to provide fire protection and drinking water to the residents of Risingsun, Ohio. The Village of Risingsun &